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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1947.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year 1947 in accordance with the provisions of the Ministry of Health Circulars 13/47 dated 13th March, 1947 and 170/47 dated 31st December, 1947 ; the report has been curtailed.

The Medical Officer of Health of Ripponden is also Divisional Medical Officer under the West Riding County Council Scheme.

**Extracts from Vital Statistics of the year :—**

| | M. | F. | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Live Births—Legitimate ... ... ... ... | 33 | 40 | 73 |
| Illegitimate ... ... ... | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Still Briths—Legitimate ... ... ... ... | — | — | — |
| Illegitimate ... ... ... ... | — | 1 | 1 |
| Deaths of infants under 1 year-Legitimate | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Illegitimate | — | — | — |
| All Deaths ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 30 | 45 | 75 |

**Principal Vital Statistics for the Year 1947.**

Based on Registrar-General's Figures.

| | Ripponden Urban District | Aggregate West Riding Urban Districts | West Riding Admin. County | England and Wales (Provisional figures) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 estimated population) ... ... ... ... | 15.8 | 21.6 | 21.5 | 20.5 |
| DEATH RATES :-(All per 1,000 estimated population)-All causes | 15.2 | 12.7 | 12.3 | 12.0 |
| Zymotic Diseases (seven principal)* ... ... ... ... ... | — | 0.16 | 0.16 | * * |
| Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ... ... ... ... ... | 0.20 | 0.38 | 0.39 | 0.47 |
| Other forms of Tuberculosis ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | — | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.08 |
| Respiratory Diseases† (excluding tuberculosis of respiratory system ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1.62 | 1.41 | 1.37 | * * |
| Cancer ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1.42 | 1.87 | 1.80 | 1.85 |
| Heart and Circulatory Diseases‡ ... ... ... ... ... ... | 5.66 | 4.23 | 3.98 | * * |
| INFANT MORTALITY (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 77 | 44 | 45 | 41 |
| DIARRHOEA (Deaths in infants under 2 years of age per 1,000 live births) ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | — | 5.17 | 5.31 | 5.8 |
| MATERNAL MORTALITY (Deaths of Mothers in childbirth per 1,000 live and still births) | | | | |
| Puerperal Sepsis ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | — | 0.24 | 0.21 | 0.26 |
| Other causes ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | — | 0.88 | 1.07 | 0.91 |
| Total ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | — | 1.12 | 1.28 | 1.17 |

*Combined death rate from smallpox (if any), scarlet fever, enteric fever, diptheria, measles, whooping cough, also diarrhoea in infants under 2 years of age.

†Combined death rate from Bronchitis, pneumonia and other Respiratory Diseases, excluding Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System.

‡Combined death rate from Heart Disease and other Diseases of the Circulatory System.

* *Figures not available.

## Causes of Death in Ripponden U.D.

| | Cause of Death. | 1947. M. | 1947. F. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Typhoid or Paratyphoid Fevers ... ... | — | — |
| 2 | Cerebro-spinal Fever ... ... ... ... ... | — | — |
| 3 | Scarlet Fever ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | — | — |
| 4 | Whooping Cough ... ... ... ... ... ... | — | — |
| 5 | Diphtheria ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | — | — |
| 6 | Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ... ... | 1 | — |
| 7 | Other form of Tuberculosis ... ... ... | — | — |
| 8 | Syphilitic Diseases ... ... ... ... ... | — | — |
| 9 | Influenza ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 1 |
| 10 | Measles ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | — | — |
| 11 | Ac. Polio-myelitis and Polio-encephalitis | — | — |
| 12 | Ac. Infantile Encephalitis ... ... ... ... | — | — |
| 13 | Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus (M) and Uterus (F) ... ... ... ... | 1 | — |
| 14 | Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum ... ... | — | 1 |
| 15 | Cancer of Breast ... ... ... ... ... ... | — | — |
| 16 | Cancer of all other Sites ... ... ... ... | 3 | 2 |
| 17 | Diabetes ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | — | 1 |
| 18 | Intercranial Vascular lesions ... ... ... | 1 | 10 |
| 19 | Heart Disease ... ... ... ... ... ... | 11 | 15 |
| 20 | Other Diseases of Circulatory System ... | 1 | 1 |
| 21 | Bronchitis ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | 3 |
| 22 | Pneumonia ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 3 | — |
| 23 | Other Respiratory Diseases ... ... ... | — | — |
| 24 | Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ... ... | — | — |
| 25 | Diarrhoea under 2 years ... ... ... ... | — | — |
| 26 | Appendicitis ... ... ... ... ... ... | — | — |
| 27 | Other Digestive Diseases ... ... ... ... | 2 | 1 |
| 28 | Nephritis ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 1 |
| 29 | Puerperal and Post abortion sepsis ... ... | — | — |
| 30 | Other Maternal Causes ... ... ... ... | — | — |
| 31 | Premature Birth ... ... ... ... ... ... | — | 2 |
| 32 | Congenital Malformation, Birth Injury; Infancy Diseases ... ... ... ... | — | 1 |
| 33 | Suicide ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | — | — |
| 34 | Road Traffic Accidents ... ... ... ... | 1 | — |
| 35 | Other Violent Causes ... ... ... ... ... | — | 1 |
| 36 | All other Causes ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | 5 |
| | TOTAL ALL CAUSES ... | 30 | 45 |

## Infectious Diseases.

Summary of Notifications received in year 1947.

| Disease. | Total Cases No'fid |
|---|---|
| Smallpox | — |
| Scarlet Fever | — |
| Diphtheria | 1* |
| Typhoid and Para-typhoid | — |
| Cerebro-spinal Fever | — |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | — |
| Pneumonia | 1 |
| Erysipelas | — |
| Opthalmia Neonatorum | — |
| Encephalitis Lethargica | — |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | 1 |
| Measles | 111 |
| Whooping Cough | 7 |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis | 7 |
| Other forms of Tuberculosis | 1 |
| | 129 |

*Not confirmed.

## Tuberculosis.

The number of new cases notified during 1947 are given in detail in the following table.

| Age Period | New Cases. Respiratory M. | Respiratory F. | Non-Respiratory M. | Non-Respiratory F. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0— 1 | — | — | — | — |
| 1— 5 | — | — | — | — |
| 5—10 | — | — | — | — |
| 10—15 | — | — | 1 | — |
| 15—20 | — | — | — | — |
| 20—25 | — | — | — | — |
| 25—35 | — | 2 | — | — |
| 35—45 | 1 | — | — | — |
| 45—55 | 1 | — | — | — |
| 55—65 | 1 | 2 | — | — |
| 65 & over | — | — | — | — |
| Totals | 3 | 4 | 1 | — |

**NUISANCE INSPECTIONS.** (Not including Housing Inspections).

These numbered 42. Four needed abatement and were all dealt with during 1947, four informal notices being served and complied with. Other details of Sanitation, etc. will be found in Table C, (in the preparation of which I was largely helped by Mr. Sharples and Mr. Holroyd).

I wish to thank the members of the Council for their kindness and co-operation, and to thank Mr. J. Sharples, Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor, for his kindness and efforts to give me the sanitary circumstances of the area, and indeed to all your officials with whom I made contacts personal and official.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. C. WEBSTER, B.Sc., M.D., D.P.H. D.C.H.